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1. EMBASSY HAS DISCUSSED GSP WITH OFFICIALS IN MINISTRIES
OF TRADE, PLANNING, ECONCOOP AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS. THEY ARE
ALL QUITE FAMILIAR WITH SUBJECT IN GENERAL TERMS, AND MINTRADE
U/SEC NAHAL, WHO HAS JUST COMPLETED 3-YEAR TOUR AT EMBASSY
IN WASHINGTON, KNOWS SUBJECT QUITE WELL. THEY ARE IN
AGREEMENT THAT SEMINARS OR BRIEFINGS ARE NOT NEEDED,
PRINCIPALLY BECAUSE US IS NOT SIGNIFICANT MARKET FOR EGYPTIANS
GOODS AT THIS TIME. GIVEN FACT THAT COTTON AND TEXTILES ARE
ESSENTIALLY ONLY GOODS EGYPT HAS TO SELL, NAHAL THINKS SITUATION
IS UNLIKELY TO CHANGE IN SHORT RUN.

2. GOE OFFICIALS ARE AWARE OF NEW OPPORTUNITIES PROVIDED BY GSP, AND ARE ALSO BEGINNING TO BE CONCERNED AT LARGE AND BURGEONING TRADE DEFICIT WITH US. WITH ARRIVAL OF BROCHURES AND OTHER MATERIALS PROCURED BY DEPT., WE INTEND TO UNDERTAK A LOW-KEY EDUCATIONAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO FOCUS ATTENTION ON POSSIBILITIES. EFFORT WILL REQUIRE TIME, AND MAY NOT SHOW ANY RESULTS FOR QUITE AWHILE. EGYPTIANS UNCLASSIFIED

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